

## Ability 101

Chapter 101: Enlightenment, Heaven and Earth Technique!

The man alighted from the bus at the next stop, then left the Imperial Capital and arrived at Yanjiao in Beihai Province.

After several twists and turns.

He arrived in front of a house in an unknown village in Yanjiao.

This house was located at the far corner of the village, even the villagers rarely passed by here. The construction style and the extent of its old age were no different from other houses in the village. There were no two-story buildings visible, and it was completely blocked by the courtyard wall, looking quite unremarkable.

"Knock knock—knock knock knock—knock—"

The man knocked on the door three times in a very rhythmic manner.

Soon, a cautious voice came from the door: "Who is it?"

"The boss sent me."

"Squeak—"

The door creaked open a crack, an eye peered out through the gap, then the door fully opened.

A man of about forty years old, thin and dark-skinned, looking like a farmer at first glance.

He extended half his body out to look around, then quickly pulled the man into the yard, shut the door and confirmed: "Aikeli?"

"Alek."

Alek looked at the man with a smile, not angered by being called the wrong name at all, and said: "Nice job, very cautious. Show me the child you've captured."

"Okay, okay."

The man smiled awkwardly, realizing his probing was seen through.

However, from Alek's knocking to what he just said...

This series of behaviors ensured his identity.

And from Alek's words, it's not hard to tell he is a human trafficker, employed by the "boss" like Zou Huaide and others.

Just two days ago, after getting hold of the child on the list, he immediately contacted the boss.

The boss designated this place as the trading spot and informed him that a man named Alek would come for the trade in two days, instructing him to wait here.

This wait...

Had lasted until now.

"Mr. Alek, I've been eagerly awaiting your arrival."

The man led Alek towards the yard.

The yard isn't big, but not too small either.

On the left side is a latrine, and on the right side is a small shed for storing firewood.

Directly facing the door is the red-brick tile-roofed house.

Just when they reached the door of the house.

The door was pushed open from inside.

Inside the house.

Directly upon entering was a hall with a stove. At this moment, there was another man in the hall, who was also the person who pushed open the door. He had a muscular build, full of bulging muscles, looking like a bodybuilder, and seemingly not yet thirty years old.

On either side of the hall, symmetrical doors were present.

"By the way, Mr. Alek, I haven't introduced myself, my name is Zhou Tiezhu."

Zhou Tiezhu pointed at the man who opened the door and smiled: "He is my trusted assistant, named Wu Xingwang."

After speaking, he explained: "I feared too many people would draw unwanted attention, so it's just us two this time. Others have already gone to other places to scout the targets on the list."

While speaking, the trio arrived at the door on the left side of the hall.

Wu Xingwang pushed open the door.

The room had no windows, despite being daytime, its insides were pitch black.

"Woo woo woo—!!"

Whimpering sounds came from the darkness.

"Click—"

Wu Xingwang pulled a nylon cord.

The light turned on.

The dim light immediately illuminated the room.

The room was empty.

There was only a large earthen bed, on which a little girl lay.

The little girl looked about three or four years old, her hands and feet were tied with ropes, a cloth stuck in her mouth, her big lively eyes flickering as she gazed at the door, filled with panic and fear, the corners of her eyes traced with white tear marks.

"Here you go, Mr. Alek, it's her, Tang Ru."

"Hmm."

Alek nodded, then closed the door, saying to Zhou Tiezhu and Wu Xingwang: "You two go outside for a moment, I need to make a call."

"Alright, alright."

The two sensibly walked straight into the yard.

Alek took out a satellite phone and dialed the "boss."

Soon, the call was connected.

He immediately reported: "Boss, I've seen Tang Ru."

"Good."

On the other end, the boss nodded, then asked: "Has Lin Beichen been dealt with?"

He sent Alek not only to complete the trade for Tang Ru, but also to have him kill Lin Beichen.

Actually, Alek's original task was solely to kill Lin Beichen.

However, during his journey to the Imperial Capital...

Zhou Tiezhu called from Beihai Province saying there was a trade to be made.

The "boss," trusting in Alek's abilities completely, considered that Alek was close to the area and assigned this trade spot, informing him to complete the transaction with Zhou Tiezhu and bring the target back to the base.

"Not yet."

Alek explained: "Early this morning he left school to buy a phone, went to the police station halfway, I followed him back and forth, but couldn't find a suitable opportunity to strike."

To him, killing Lin Beichen was easy, even in public settings.

But...

The challenge was to kill perfectly, silently, leaving no traces behind.

Considering he had another mission to bring Tang Ru back, he couldn't afford to alert anyone prematurely.

At this moment, Alek recalled Lin Beichen's sudden turn in the mall, frowning: "However, boss, this kid is quite alert, seemed to notice someone tailing him and even looked back."

"Oh?"

The boss was somewhat surprised. He knew Alek's skills well. This kid has such keen alertness? No wonder he managed to thwart Zou and his team's actions.

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"If it's hard to find a chance to make a move, then just go ahead and do it. Don't worry about alerting him; I'll send someone else to complete Tang Ru's transaction."

"No need, boss."

Alek refused without even thinking, saying, "Just a university student, how alert can he really be? I've been more cautious following him, and he hasn't noticed. I believe killing him will only take a day or two. Sending someone over will take at least a day or two, it's unnecessary."

"Good."

The boss trusted his judgment. After all, as he said, it's just a university student, how hard can it be to kill him? More importantly, Alek had completed numerous tasks without a single mistake.

"Kill Lin Beichen as soon as possible, bring Tang Ru back, and I'll wait for you at the base."

"Yes, boss."

The boss hung up the phone directly, his eyes narrowed with a deep murderous intent, thinking, for causing me to be punished by the headquarters, he must die!

That's right, the headquarters.

He wasn't the end of the foreign organization, not at the top of the Pyramid.

Even he was just following orders.

As soon as Zou Huaide and the others were arrested, he quickly knew about it and realized he would be short of one child on the list.

This for him...

Meant punishment from the headquarters!

He was angry, he was furious!

With nowhere to vent!

But someone had to be responsible for this, to bear his anger.

After searching and searching...

Only Lin Beichen was left!

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Lin Beichen, who was being targeted by so many people, was now in the library of Imperial Capital University.

Just on the way back to the dormitory.

He was suddenly enlightened while pondering the issue of the special area.

The basis of this enlightenment was the magnetic field he had thought of before!

Although the special area's uniqueness didn't lie in the magnetic field, it might be a similar invisible but real "field."

An energy field!

This made a word appear inexplicably in his mind - Feng Shui!

Just then.

He saw the school library.

The library of Imperial Capital University was one of the top libraries in all of Huaxia, with a rich collection of books and a wide variety.

So.

Not fully understanding yet, he came to the library to try his luck, hoping to extend his enlightenment by reading relevant books.

After some searching.

Lin Beichen quickly found the area with Feng Shui books - Feudal Superstition section.

He didn't know exactly what to read, so he looked at the titles of the Feng Shui books and picked several based on his first impression, then started reading seriously.

"Yellow Emperor's Residence Scripture," said to be written by the Yellow Emperor.

"Funeral Scripture," written by Guo Pu of the Western Jin Dynasty.

"Shaking Dragon Scripture," written by Yang Yunsong of the Tang Dynasty.

"Earth-Entering Eye," written by Monk Jingdao of the Song Dynasty.

"Compass Needle," written by Xu Zhimou of the Ming Dynasty.

"Secret Earth Spirit Search," written by Liu Ji of the Ming Dynasty.

"Compass Thorough Understanding," written by Wang Daoheng of the Qing Dynasty.

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Book after book.

From legendary to classic Feng Shui books of Tang, Song, Yuan, Ming, and Qing Dynasties, Lin Beichen read one after another, not knowing how many he had read, but none brought any inspiration or insight.

"Could it be..."

"The idea is wrong again?"

Lin Beichen didn't give up easily. Looking at the three Feng Shui books beside him, he picked up one randomly.

This book was called "Detailed Notes on Feng Shui," said to be written by the Yellow Emperor.

He started reading it.

[What is Feng Shui? Feng Shui refers to hiding the wind and gathering the Qi, gathering human Qi and the Qi of heaven and earth. The Qi of heaven and earth is natural Qi, referring to geographical Feng Shui; human Qi refers to human behavior Feng Shui.]

Feng Shui doesn't just exist between heaven and earth...

It also exists within oneself?

This may not belong to science, but it belongs to common sense.

Of course, Lin Beichen knew this before.

But now, thinking about it again...

He had an indescribable feeling, as if there were two lines in his mind moving towards each other but never quite connecting.

[Qi is an energy field hidden between heaven and earth, among all things. This means both human behavior Feng Shui and geographical Feng Shui are born from energy fields, which are energy fields.]

Energy fields?

Energy fields?

Lin Beichen's eyes lit up, these key pieces of information spinning in his mind, feeling like the two lines in his brain were about to connect.

[So how is Feng Shui formed? Feng Shui is created by movement. Geographical Feng Shui is formed by celestial movement, crustal movement, and plate movement. Our earth is in the solar system, and as it revolves and rotates, its position changes, so does the energy field, and thus the Feng Shui. Human actions produce an energy field, so every move and word changes the energy field, altering the Feng Shui. The universe is in constant motion, energy fields change with movement, attracting and repelling each other, and thus Feng Shui changes.]

After reading this passage.

Lin Beichen felt like the two lines in his mind finally connected, his mind exploding with clarity!

Enlightened!

It seemed like all the questions were answered at this moment!

"So..."

"The reason why that special area is special is because the Feng Shui there is more special?"

"Feng Shui is born from the energy field."

"People also have Feng Shui, so I carry my own energy field."

"Similarly, special areas carry an energy field, and it is special because of its unique Feng Shui, which creates a special energy field."

"This special energy field attracts electric elements between heaven and earth to gather in that area."

"The illusionary scenes are actually the manifestation of the special Feng Shui in that area?"

"The manifestations of each special area are different because their Feng Shui is different!"

He thought as he continued reading the books.

At this moment.

Several terms caught his eye.

[Feng Shui locations are also divided into five elements, each with its attributes: Earth Attribute Feng Shui Qilin Harnesses Lightning, Fire Attribute Feng Shui Vermilion Bird Bathes in Fire, Metal Attribute Feng Shui White Tiger Splits the Sky, Water Attribute Feng Shui Black Tortoise Turns the Sea, and Wood Attribute Feng Shui Cyan Dragon Shines in the Sun.]

"Everything matches!"

Lin Beichen didn't expect the illusionary scenes he saw to already have definitions in ancient Feng Shui texts. What he saw matched the Earth Attribute, Fire Attribute, and Water Attribute illusionary scenes!

"The reason I could see it after cultivation is because cultivation changed or enhanced my own energy field, which then interacted with the special area's energy field, causing changes in the special area's energy field, ultimately enhancing its Feng Shui and making it manifest!"

Realizing this, Lin Beichen suddenly understood why the word "magnetic field" popped into his mind at that time, and why he then associated it with "Feng Shui."

Although energy fields and magnetic fields are fundamentally different – one not standing up to scientific scrutiny and the other being a scientific phenomenon –

Their modes of action are quite similar!

"The reason those human traffickers were struck by lightning in the special area..."

"Is because the energy field is also an energy field."

"The changes in my energy field are mainly caused by the electric element, and the energy here is provided by the electric element, while the geographical energy field's energy is complex and diverse, including various energies from heaven and earth, naturally containing electric element energy."

"My own energy field and the special area's energy field can interfere with each other."

"Explaining this scientifically makes sense too. When two magnetic fields, both energy fields, interfere with each other, they generate energy, creating an electric current. My own energy field and the special area's energy field interfering work the same way, ultimately leading to lightning."

"The reason the police later didn't encounter lightning during their investigation was because I had left the special area for too long, removing the interference from another energy field, allowing the special area's energy field to gradually return to a stable state, naturally no longer releasing energy and thus not attracting lightning."

One thought and Lin Beichen suddenly realized, those human traffickers were killed by him, albeit indirectly and unintentionally.

Of course, even knowing their deaths were related to him, he felt no guilt or remorse. As before, he felt: they deserved it, good riddance!

And at this moment.

Suddenly!

Lin Beichen thought of something unbelievable, making his eyes widen with intense excitement.

"Does this mean..."

"I can now not only control my own thunder but also have the ability to manipulate thunder between heaven and earth?"

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At the thought of this, Lin Beichen became excited.

However, fortunately, he was not completely overwhelmed and still knew where he was, so he didn't immediately attempt.

If he succeeded all at once...

The library would explode!

He forcefully suppressed the excitement in his heart.

He put the book back in its place, then left the library, and hurried to a secluded spot, where he sat cross-legged and entered into a state of cultivation, trying to feel his energy field and the energy field of the world around him through cultivation.

One cycle...

Two cycles...

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Lin Beichen didn't know how many cycles he had cultivated, but he couldn't feel the world's energy field or even his own.

He still hadn't figured out...

What exactly the form of the energy field was.

"What's going on?"

"Could it be..."

"There's not enough Electric Element in the world around?"

Lin Beichen thought: If that's true, wouldn't that mean he would have to pick specific places to control the world's Thunder?

This kind of conditional control...

Can it even be considered control?

He felt that true control shouldn't be like this.

However, he didn't directly deny this guess, thinking that mastering anything always has steps, and true control of the world's Thunder is also like this. Perhaps this was just the first step towards truly controlling the world's Thunder.

"Thunderstruck Wood!"

At that moment, Lin Beichen thought of a way to enrich the Electric Element in the world around.

Having learned that Thunderstruck Wood wasn't what attracted thunder, but rather the special nature of the area, he naturally brought the Thunderstruck Wood back without any burdens and placed it in his dormitory.

"Bring the Thunderstruck Wood and try it," he thought.

Lin Beichen immediately returned to the dormitory, carrying the Thunderstruck Wood wrapped in canvas back to the secluded spot.

Then, he placed the Thunderstruck Wood on the ground.

He sat cross-legged again and began to cultivate.

The Electric Element within the Thunderstruck Wood was in a saturated state.

Very abundant!

This time, Lin Beichen clearly felt the Electric Element in the world around him becoming richer, comparable to the density of Electric Elements during a thunderstorm.

Even so...

After cultivating several cycles, he shook his head and stopped cultivating.

He still couldn't feel anything.

He couldn't feel the world's energy field or his own energy field.

"It makes sense,"

"Back in that special area..."

"The Electric Element in the world was even more abundant and dense than it is now, and I merely perceived the manifestation of the world's energy field,"

"I couldn't feel the world's energy field or my own energy field back then either..."

"Doesn't this mean it has nothing to do with the abundance of the Electric Element in the world?"

Lin Beichen suddenly understood, but then came a new question: Why couldn't he feel the world's energy field and his own energy field?

He didn't doubt what he had realized about "Feng Shui" and "energy fields."

After all...

He had even found in books the definitions of the illusions he had seen.

That couldn't be false!

"Perhaps..."

"I'm not strong enough yet?"

Lin Beichen wanted to attribute all this to his own weakness, too weak to touch the key to mastering the world's Thunder.

But...

How could he get stronger next?

At this moment, recalling the illusion, a flash of inspiration struck him—Five Elements!

"Since the illusions are divided by Five Element attributes, doesn't that mean energy fields are also divided by Five Elements?"

"Whether it's the world's energy field or a person's energy field, it is still an energy field..."

"They all should be divided into Five Elements!"

"Five Elements..."

"From the perspective of the world, a single attribute is no more than fire, gold, sea, land, or forest. No matter how strong they are, they can't escape their own attributes,"

"But..."

"Once they interact, generating relationships, they form everything in this world!"

"Isn't this the ultimate enhancement?"

Lin Beichen suddenly understood his path to getting stronger: If he wanted to enhance Thunder, he couldn't just enhance Thunder; he also needed to enhance the other attributes of the Five Elements.

For example...

Gold and Fire!

According to the interrelations among the Five Elements, Gold and Fire generate Thunder!

"Enhancing Gold and Fire attributes is no different from enhancing Thunder attributes, which means enhancing the corresponding Element?"

All at once, Lin Beichen's thoughts became much clearer.

The Fire Element, like the Electric Element, should be visible, and is manifest in the external world. In other words, he needed to learn to control fire and continually strengthen his control over fire by following the Electric Element's cultivation path.

As for the Gold Element...

It had no visible form; its enhancement should correspond to physical enhancement, i.e., strengthening the physical body!

Understanding all this.

He didn't want to delay for a single moment, eager to practice what he had realized.

"Fire Element..."

Lin Beichen was very familiar with the cultivation path of the Electric Element.

Between the Gold Element and Fire Element...

The first thing he wanted to practice was the Fire Element, which had the same cultivation method as the Electric Element.

First Realm, Observation Realm!

Entering into visualization!

In an instant.

The illusion of "Illusion Becomes Reality" appeared again.

Lin Beichen visualized the Fire Element.

He thought the next second the Fire Element would appear in the illusionary world, but nothing appeared in the "Illusion Becomes Reality" illusion. It was empty, with no form of energy appearing.

"????"

"What's going on?"

He didn't understand why he couldn't visualize the Fire Element.

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But soon, he thought of something.

"The five elements give birth to and restrain each other."

"Mastering the first attribute may be any one of the five elements, or even a derivative attribute, but should the subsequent mastery follow a certain order?"

"Fire and gold give birth to thunder, this is good. Strengthening the fire attribute and gold attribute next is also good."

"But..."

"Perhaps there is also a sequence between these two attributes; it shouldn't be to strengthen the fire attribute first, but to strengthen the gold attribute first?"

"In other words, first strengthen the physical body and then contemplate the fire element?"

At this moment, Lin Beichen, who was still in contemplation, suddenly had an extremely strong feeling, which corresponded to his speculation.

To contemplate the fire element, the body needs to be strengthened to a certain extent!

However, to what extent the physical body needs to be strengthened...

He wasn't sure.

He didn't have any sense of it.

"Anyway, contemplation doesn't take much effort, nor is it picky about location."

"At worst, I'll just contemplate every day!"

"The urgent task now..."

"Is to strengthen the physical body first!"

Compared to enhancing the fire attribute, the enhancement of the gold attribute, in other words, the method of strengthening the physical body is not so mysterious.

Strengthening the physical body, plainly speaking, is nothing more than exercising the body and enhancing physical strength.

As for the methods within...

They can be described as myriad and continuously emerging!

Lin Beichen just thought slightly and could think of more than a dozen ways, such as running, lifting weights, swimming, and so on.

But there is only one person, and he has no clone technique; he can't split into several Lin Beichen to do different exercises at the same time.

"Where should I start?"

Sometimes, having too many choices is also a kind of trouble.

A happy trouble!

After a moment, Lin Beichen decided not to think about it himself anymore. He took out his phone, deciding to borrow other's wisdom to carry out systematic training.

"How to exercise?"

Lin Beichen quickly typed these words into the search bar and then clicked search.

Nearly a million entries!

And among the top few entries that appeared on the phone screen, they left him speechless.

[Can exercise cure premature ejaculation? What to do if a man is too quick?]

[How to lose thigh fat? Three steps to teach you how!]

[How to train endurance and hardness? Be a real man!]

[How to exercise during menopause to rejuvenate your body?]

[...]

All ads!

"This search engine is almost turning into a world of ads."

Lin Beichen shook his head helplessly, scrolling through the entries, almost turning to the second page to find entries related to his search query.

[How to scientifically exercise?]

[How to start exercising from scratch?]

[How to build muscle?]

[...]

He would open each of these entries and browse through. The content inside let him gain quite a lot, and there was a lot of systematic content, but he always felt that something was missing; it wasn't what he wanted.

Then, another entry caught his attention—

[The best and most effective way to exercise the whole body!]

He opened the entry.

"Martial arts is the best and most effective way to exercise the whole body!"

"Practicing martial arts can enhance all the muscles and strength of the body, increasing muscle elasticity."

"..."

Lin Beichen had a definite feeling of "this is it" in his heart.

Although the content of the entry didn't look systematic, it gave him a direction, a clear direction.

"Martial arts?"

Lin Beichen shook his head. It wasn't a denial of this method of practicing martial arts but rather felt unsuitable for the word "martial".

Martial arts have developed into more of a performance nature nowadays, with limited exercise effects. If one were to practice martial arts, it should be the traditional martial arts of ancient times, the real national martial arts.

A quick search on the phone.

Countless traditional martial arts instructional videos appeared.

He embraced them all.

He watched one traditional martial arts instructional video after another.

Soon, he discovered...

These instructional videos claiming traditional martial arts were not the real traditional martial arts; they were flashy but empty, only teaching forms without the essence of martial arts. They were essentially still modern performance-based martial arts.

However, fortunately, his Heaven-defying Comprehension.

After watching a video, with a bit of thought, he could deduce the core essence of the martial arts.

"I still have to rely on myself to learn the real traditional martial arts!"

Lin Beichen couldn't help but complain in his heart but continued to watch.

However, after watching for a while, he realized that although he hadn't started practicing along yet, he already had a feeling of learning but not mastering.

"Learning more doesn't necessarily mean better exercise results."

"One should still learn to mastery!"

Lin Beichen thought that strengthening the physical body meant every part of the body needed to be trained.

Although any traditional martial art would exercise the whole body, different traditional martial arts had a focus on different body parts.

"Then focus on different body parts..."

"Choose one traditional martial art for each part to learn."

"This way, it would be learning to mastery while also giving the whole body the best exercise!"

Thinking of this, an idea unconsciously popped into his mind—

Perhaps when he mastered traditional martial arts for each body part according to this plan, he could comprehend a whole new set of traditional martial arts.

Martial arts that could comprehensively strengthen every part of the body!

His own traditional martial arts!

Just at this moment.

The video played to the next one—

Shaolin Twelve-Legged Spring Kicks!

"Then let this be the traditional martial art for leg training."

Lin Beichen thought to himself. As the saying goes, the lower body is the foundation of a martial artist; starting from the legs does no harm.

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Subsequently, he started to seriously watch the instructional video for the Shaolin Twelve-Legged Spring Kicks.

In the video, a monk dressed in training clothes was demonstrating the moves of the Shaolin Twelve-Legged Spring Kicks, with simultaneous voice-over explanations and instructions.

"First move: Spring."

"Second move: Step."

"Third move: Cut."

"Fourth move: Kick."

"..."

Soon, all twelve moves of the Spring Kicks were demonstrated and explained.

With his extraordinary enlightenment, Lin Beichen also figured out the essence of these twelve moves. It can be said that he had theoretically mastered this traditional martial art, only lacking practical application.

He put down his phone and then began to practice based on the memories and understanding in his mind.

The first time, it was a bit stiff.

The second time, it was not so stiff.

The third time, it became fluent.

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He practiced over and over again.

Lin Beichen didn't know how many times he had practiced the Shaolin Twelve-Legged Spring Kicks. His sweat drenched his clothes, and his legs were trembling slightly.

But the effect was obvious...

Every move he made seemed to carry the force of a tiger.

Natural and unforced!

Ordinary people might not achieve this level of proficiency even if they practiced their entire lives!

However, even so.

Lin Beichen was not excited in his heart. After all, he was someone who had researched and created the Thunder Skill. In comparison, mastering traditional martial arts to this extent this quickly was not difficult for him.

Moreover...

This level was far from enough for him.

He could feel it himself...

Still far off!

"The problem lies in the basic skills!"

Lin Beichen was well aware of where the issue was.

Lack of solid basic skills!

Or rather...

No basic skills at all.

Although his kicks now seemed perfect, they were actually superficial, more like modern-day performance martial arts.

If he wanted to get genuine training...

This approach certainly wouldn't work.

"I need to strengthen my basic skills!"

He didn't need to check to know what to do—Horse Stance!

The Horse Stance is the basic skill of lower body traditional martial arts.

It seems simple, like just spreading your legs and bending your knees, but it's actually very intricate.

Lin Beichen had this bit of common knowledge.

However, his legs were really tired at the moment, and it was getting dark. He searched for a proper traditional Horse Stance video tutorial, then picked up the Thunderstruck Wood, watched the video while walking back to the dormitory, planning to learn the Horse Stance in the meantime and let his legs relax, and train again once back at the dormitory.

"Horse Stance, legs spread parallel, the distance between the feet should be three-foot lengths, toes pointing forward parallelly, knees pushed outward, knees should not extend past the toes, thighs parallel to the ground."

"Hollow the chest and round the back, don't protrude the chest, the chest should be flat, the back should be rounded."

"Keep the head up with a light touch, as if the top of the head is suspended by a string."

"Control breathing with the Dantian, inhale long, exert the whole body, exhale short, exhale completely, eyes focus on the nose, the nose on the mouth, the mouth on the heart, the tongue touches Heaven, and the mind guards the Dantian."

"..."

Soon, Lin Beichen returned to the dormitory.

His three roommates were all there, and when they saw him walk in drenched, they were all dumbfounded. Was it raining outside?

In that moment, the three of them glanced out the window, but it wasn't raining.

Han Yuan laughed wickedly and asked, "Beichen, why are you so wet? How did you get so wet?"

Lin Beichen caught his jest, threw him a sideways glance as he passed, and said, "Exercising."

As he spoke, he sat down at his place and put the Thunderstruck Wood aside.

At this moment, Han Yuan asked in confusion, "What's wrapped inside that canvas?"

The Thunderstruck Wood wrapped in canvas looked rather conspicuous and out of place.

Leaning on the bed rail, he continued, "I noticed it when you came back yesterday, but I was too worried about you to ask. I remember you didn't have this when you left, did you bring it back from Wuling Mountain?"

"Yeah."

Lin Beichen did not shy away. The Thunderstruck Wood being seen by his roommates was a matter of time, so he directly unveiled the canvas and said, "This is Thunderstruck Wood I found on Wuling Mountain."

Roommates: ?????

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Lightning-struck wood?

The roommates immediately gathered around, each one like a curious baby, carefully examining the lightning-struck wood exposed to the air.

A fresh sprout on dead wood!

Wu You sighed and said, "So this is lightning-struck wood? It looks pretty much like the rumors say."

Han Yuan looked at Lin Beichen with a strange expression and laughed, "Beichen, did you bring this thing back to ward off ghosts?"

Hearing this, both Wu You and Liang Dong couldn't help but laugh, giving him a look that said he wasn't serious for even a day.

As students of the Imperial Capital University, they could be said to be among the most scientifically-minded young people of their generation. Naturally, they didn't believe in ghosts and spirits, nor the commonly believed powers of lightning-struck wood.

"If it could really ward off evil, I'd start with getting rid of you first."

Lin Beichen looked at Han Yuan speechlessly, then explained to the curious Wu You and Liang Dong, "Lightning-struck wood is very helpful for my research."

Upon hearing the word "research."

The three no longer asked questions, since they knew nothing about Lin Beichen's research and didn't know what to ask.

At this moment, Lin Beichen felt that his legs had recovered quite a bit. He went straight to the large balcony and started practicing the horse stance technique he had grasped on his way back.

Four-point horse stance!

He went directly into the hardest and most leg-strengthening horse stance!

This action drew the attention of his three roommates away from the lightning-struck wood and onto him. They thought, this horse stance... actually looks quite authentic!

They felt that Lin Beichen's horse stance looked similar to what they had seen in videos, but the steadiness he exuded was something the others in the videos couldn't match, like he was rooted into the ground.

Liang Dong asked puzzledly, "Beichen, why are you suddenly doing horse stance?"

Han Yuan circled around Lin Beichen and clicked his tongue, "You stopped studying human-generated electricity to research horse stance now?"

"Human-generated electricity has two parts. Now I'm researching the 'human' part to better study human-generated electricity."

Lin Beichen didn't say more.

He began to adjust his breathing.

Horse stance... breathing is crucial!

Seeing him like this, his roommates had nothing more to say.

They didn't disturb Lin Beichen any further. After observing the lightning-struck wood for a while, they each went back to doing their own things.

After about five minutes.

Lin Beichen felt his legs go from sore to numb to feeling like they might break.

When he was about to reach his limit.

A flash of insight crossed his mind.

"The Five Elements follow mutual generation and restraint..."

"Could the thunder attribute 'generate' the gold attribute?"

With this thought, Lin Beichen's mind suddenly cleared up. If the electric element could spread throughout the body, could it benefit the body?

No sooner said than done!

He immediately tried it.

"It's effective!"

Lin Beichen's eyes lit up, filled with excitement and joy.

In that instant of trying...

He clearly felt the fatigue in his body being repaired.

The electric element can speed up the body's recovery!

"In this way..."

"I can withstand more training every day, and as my body continues to strengthen, the amount of training I can handle will keep increasing!"

This virtuous cycle made Lin Beichen ecstatic, greatly shortening the time needed to strengthen his body!

With the support of the electric element.

He managed to persist in the horse stance for another quarter of an hour, before dragging his heavy legs to the bathroom to take a shower, changed into fresh clothes, and climbed into bed with some difficulty.

He was utterly exhausted!

He fell asleep almost immediately.

The next morning.

With the continuous effect of the electric element, Lin Beichen woke up feeling refreshed. Seeing his roommates still fast asleep, he quietly got out of bed, washed up a bit, and then took the lightning-struck wood out of the dormitory.

"Carrying such a big lump of wood around all day isn't going to work."

Along the way, feeling the groggy eyes looking at him, Lin Beichen didn't feel much embarrassed; he just found it very inconvenient.

Find an opportunity...

To modify the lightning-struck wood!

Soon, he arrived at the secluded spot he had found yesterday.

He began his training.

He went through the Shaolin Twelve-Legged Spring Kicks several times.

He could clearly feel that today's practice was many times better than yesterday's, but it was still far from perfect!

"I still need to stick to the horse stance!"

Lin Beichen knew you can't achieve victory in one go.

However, before doing the horse stance...

He tried visualization to see if he could visualize the fire element. To his disappointment, the result was the same as yesterday, with his imagination of "Illusion Becomes Reality" still empty.

The revolution is not yet successful, comrades must continue to work hard!

Lin Beichen had no more thoughts, so he started practicing the horse stance.

Four-point horse stance!

With the support of the electric element.

He managed to hold for more than half an hour before his legs started to tremble and he had to stop. However, he didn't go back to the dormitory right away. After resting for a while, he placed the lightning-struck wood in front of him and sat cross-legged.

"I can't let my Thunder Skill stagnate because I'm developing other attributes..."

Lin Beichen knew that he couldn't yet use his own power to summon the lightning between heaven and earth, but the power of Palm Thunder could still be enhanced by tempering his liver!

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Tempering the liver!

One cycle...

Two cycles...

...

As he tempered and tempered.

He sensed something was wrong.

The cultivation speed had noticeably slowed down!

"A bottleneck?"

Lin Beichen dismissed the possibility after a brief thought.

He could feel...

The slower cultivation speed was not limited by the liver!

Being unable to invoke Celestial Thunder himself would be called a bottleneck; but as long as tempering the liver brings improvement, how could there be any bottleneck?

"Then what is it?"

Lin Beichen fell into deep thought.

It's not clear how long he pondered.

A scene of him viewing from the Observation Platform on Dragon Tiger Mountain suddenly came to mind, feeling high-spirited and free-spirited between heaven and earth.

Suddenly!

There was a flash of inspiration.

"Is it the mental realm?"

Lin Beichen was unsure if his current situation was due to a problem with his mental realm.

However, in the past two days...

Because he touched upon the possibility of invoking Celestial Thunder through his own strength and comprehended the Five Elements, preparing to enhance other attributes.

He could feel the instability in his mental realm.

However, whether or not it's due to the mental realm, this was a direction.

It's always right to try.

Moreover...

The issue with the mental realm should also be resolved, it shouldn't be left unstable.

"But how to solve the issue with the mental realm?"

Lin Beichen once again fell into deep thought.

At this moment, a scene suddenly appeared in his mind.

That was within the Celestial Master's Mansion on Dragon Tiger Mountain.

He asked Master Guanyi what Daoism cultivates.

Master Guanyi replied, cultivation of the heart.

"Daoism?"

There was direction to solve the issue with the mental realm.

Lin Beichen realized that his last mental realm enhancement had intricate connections with Daoism.

Could there be another unexpected joy this time?

With a bit of thought, he made up his mind—to go to the school library to peruse some Daoist books.

"Previously, I read Daoist books with the mindset that they might help with the cultivation method, now if I read Daoist books from the mental realm's perspective, they must feel different, right?"

With expectations.

After a short rest, Lin Beichen returned the Thunderstruck Wood to his dormitory, took a shower, and went straight to the library. He arrived at the religious section and found the Daoism section among the religious books.

The shelves were full of an abundance of Daoist books.

He did not deliberately choose any specific Daoist book, nor did he know which Daoist book to read.

To solve the issue with the mental realm...

It's not confined to any one book, maybe this one, maybe the next one, or maybe none in the end.

Everything depended on feeling and chance.

Whatever he picked up, he read.

Laozi's "Tao Te Ching"

Liezi's "Scripture of Void"

Guan Yinzi's "Wenshi Zhenjing"

...

He read one by one.

Lin Beichen could feel his mental realm subtly improving, but the improvement was minuscule, far from solving the current mental realm issue.

To solve the current mental realm issue...

The mental realm needed not improvement, but sublimation!

At this moment, he grabbed randomly.

It was Zhuang Zhou's "Nanhua Scripture".

"Knowing what heaven does and what man does is ultimate! Knowing what heaven does is natural; knowing what man does is to use one's knowledge to nourish what one does not know, to live out one's natural lifespan and not meet heaven prematurely - this is the ultimate knowledge..."

Only a passage.

Lin Beichen felt a completely different experience from the other Daoist books he just read, as if he had immersed himself into the book.

The surrounding bookshelves disappeared, with scriptures floating around.

It seemed as though thousands of Celestial Masters were chanting the scriptures from all directions.

Deafening!

And at that moment.

Before his eyes, a few lines of scriptures appeared repeatedly.

Cannot be dismissed!

"Life between heaven and earth is like a white colt passing a gap, suddenly gone."

"The perfect person has no self, the spiritual person has no achievement, the saint has no name."

"Interacting with the spirit of heaven and earth without arrogance to all things; not judging right or wrong, to be with the secular."

"Carefree between heaven and earth, with a satisfied mind."

"..."

As he read on.

In a trance.

All the scriptures disappeared, leaving only a few lines of scriptures, rotating, spiraling.

In the next moment.

He felt an extreme clarity in his mind, but the scene before his eyes changed again.

He was standing on the peak of a lofty mountain.

Connecting the clouds above, reaching the deep sea below.

The Kunpeng from the Nanhua Scripture soared through the clouds, traversed the deep sea, vast and limitless!

Before, despite having heaven-defying comprehension and refining cultivation methods, he had hesitations, concerns, hiding and concealing this matter, causing his mental realm to be obstructed.

But he hadn't noticed this.

Now...

Looking at the scene before him.

He realized the problem's source, understood what true mental realm enlightenment was!

"Following the heart, free and unrestrained, without constraints!"

Lin Beichen was enlightened.

His mental realm sublimated instantly!

In that moment.

Everything before him shattered like foam and illusion, everything around him returning to reality, he was still between rows of bookshelves.

However, unlike before.

He felt...

The library, which seemed vast before, became smaller; the previously cramped shelves spaced out.

A different feeling brought about by a change in mental realm!

Lin Beichen was startled, cultivation should follow one's true self!

All external things should not interfere with the true self, leading to actions against one's heart.

At this moment, he didn't even need to cultivate to confirm whether the cultivation problem stemmed from the mental realm.

Following the true self, cultivation flowed like descending a stream.

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To go against one's true self, cultivation is like rowing upstream.

Previously, I had committed too many actions against my heart, and it was because of these actions that piled up over time, ultimately creating obstacles in my current cultivation path.

"From now on..."

"I will follow my heart in everything!"

An elevation of the mental realm.

Additionally...

Lin Beichen's strength also had a qualitative leap, transforming from a frail, ordinary teenager into someone who could release Palm Thunder with a wave of his hand, giving him the confidence to face everything.

At this moment, he decided...

From now on, he will be what he is meant to be!

He won't hide anything anymore!

"Go apply to the principal for an exclusive cultivation area."

Lin Beichen put the Daoism books back in their original place and then headed to the principal's office.

Regarding the application for an exclusive cultivation area...

Long before going to Wuling Mountain, he had wanted to do this. After all, the feeling of being disturbed during cultivation was truly hard to bear.

But he hesitated for a long time, worrying about the justification for the application, and what if any suspicion was aroused after it was approved, and so on, preventing him from taking real action.

But now...

He had figured it out and had no more worries.

He was determined to get that exclusive cultivation area!

Soon, Lin Beichen arrived at the principal's office door and knocked lightly.

"Knock, knock, knock—"

"Come in."

Hao Jianhua's voice came from inside.

Lin Beichen pushed the door open and walked in, politely saying, "Hello, Principal."

"Lin Beichen?"

Hao Jianhua quickly invited Lin Beichen to sit down and personally poured him a glass of water, smiling warmly, "What's up?"

"Yes, Principal."

Lin Beichen nodded, then straightforwardly said, "I would like to use the abandoned gym in the northeastern corner of the school for the long term. I hope you can approve it."

The northeastern corner of the school was the oldest teaching area of the Imperial Capital University.

Over time...

The school continued expanding, with more and more new buildings appearing.

The usage rate of the northeastern corner became lower and lower, with many buildings falling into disuse.

The gym there was the most remote building among these abandoned structures.

He had his eye on this place for a long time.

It was simply a cultivation site tailor-made for him!

As the principal, Hao Jianhua was naturally aware of the gym's situation.

He frowned slightly and asked, "Lin Beichen, you intend to use that abandoned gym as your research lab for Thunder, right?"

A research lab?

Lin Beichen pondered it and felt that this statement was not a problem, so he nodded and said, "Yes, Principal."

"Then why don't I approve a formal research lab for you?"

Hao Jianhua was very supportive of Lin Beichen's research, puzzled, "Why choose that remote, abandoned gym?"

"No need, no formal research lab."

Lin Beichen waved his hand hastily, smiling wryly, "To be honest with you, Principal, I chose the 'remote' attribute of the gym, because my future direction in lightning research is summoning thunder. If not in a secluded spot, unforeseen incidents and accidental injuries might happen."

Hao Jianhua: ???

His subsequent research...

Is it that powerful?

He was a bit surprised but did not doubt Lin Beichen.

"Alright, then it's decided. I'll approve it. Just be careful during your experiments."

Hao Jianhua agreed readily, then showed concern, "The gym doesn't have any experimental equipment. If you need anything, just tell me, and I will authorize it to save you the trouble."

"Well..."

Lin Beichen currently didn't know what experimental equipment he might need, as his research didn't belong to the realm of science, but required a step-by-step approach and exploration. He also had no idea what equipment was needed for researching Feng Shui areas.

Before attaining enlightenment in the mental realm, he would have casually listed some equipment for cover-up even if he didn't need them.

But now, he said tactfully, "Experimental equipment might not be necessary for now, Principal. No need to trouble yourself."

"No equipment?"

Hao Jianhua looked puzzled, "What kind of research doesn't require experimental equipment?"

In response to his question...

Lin Beichen neither concealed nor covered up, saying boldly, "Because the future research direction involves summoning thunder through human power to invoke heavenly thunder, so equipment is not needed for now. I'll let you know if it's required later."

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"???"

Hao Jianhua was dumbfounded. [freewebnovel.com](http://freewebnovel.com)

Last time he talked about researching human-generated electricity, and this time he's saying he's researching how to use human power to harness thunder and lightning. How is each idea more outlandish than the last?

It doesn't sound scientifically plausible at all.

He found it hard to believe that such research would yield results; he wanted to persuade Lin Beichen to stick to more realistic projects.

But...

Seeing the confident and determined smile on Lin Beichen's face, he found himself unable to say those discouraging words.

After all, Beichen is still young; he has time to make mistakes!

So instead,

His persuasion turned into encouragement and advice: "Alright, I got it. If you need anything, let me know. Your research direction sounds very dangerous, so you must be careful. Safety first, okay?"

"Got it, Principal."

"Ring ring—"

At this moment, the office phone rang.

While writing the approval note, Hao Jianhua picked up the phone.

As soon as the call connected.

The voice on the other end said, "Principal, the Chaopai News reporter has arrived at the school. Teacher Cui is taking them to the west school gate. Come over when you're ready."

The west school gate of Imperial Capital University was donated by alumni, also known as the Alumni Gate.

The 125th anniversary of Imperial Capital University was coming up.

Chaopai News had contacted Imperial Capital University earlier and gotten approval for an exclusive live interview to promote the university's 125th anniversary celebration.

Today was the day of the interview.

The interview location was set at the Alumni Gate.

"Alright, I'll be right there."

Hao Jianhua had received the notice from Chaopai News over an hour ago, saying they were on their way, and he had been prepared since then.

After hanging up.

Hao Jianhua finished writing the approval note and handed it to Lin Beichen, "Alright, the gymnasium is now your research lab. Take this note to Mr. Zhang at the Student Union."

"Okay, thank you, Principal."

"Good luck."

Hao Jianhua smiled and patted Lin Beichen on the shoulder to encourage him. Then they left the office together.

Lin Beichen headed straight for the Student Union.

Hao Jianhua went to the Alumni Gate and met with Teacher Cui, who introduced him to the staff from Chaopai News before leaving to handle other matters.

"Principal Hao, are you ready?"

Reporter Wu Meng asked, "If you're ready, we can start the live broadcast now."

At this moment, the Chaopai News live room—[Exploring the 125th Anniversary of Imperial Capital University]

The real-time viewer count displayed on the screen was only a few dozen people.

The live feed was pitch black.

There was no content.

Only scattered comments floated by.

"Has it started yet?"

"Just checking out how my alma mater is planning the celebration."

"Where's the live broadcast? I'll drop by and maybe get on camera."

"..."

Just then.

The black screen flashed, and the live feed showed Reporter Wu Meng and Principal Hao Jianhua standing side by side, smiling.

"It started."

"Haven't seen the principal in years, he looks much older."

"Here we go, here we go, it's really happening~"

"The reporter is so pretty, sister, give us a hug."

"..."

The comment section quickly became lively.

The real-time viewer count also started to rise rapidly, breaking into triple digits in no time and continuing to climb.

"Good morning, viewers of the live stream."

Wu Meng waved at the camera, then continued, "The person beside me surely needs no introduction, this is our Principal Hao Jianhua of Imperial Capital University."

As she spoke, she looked at Hao Jianhua and smiled, "Principal Hao, it's a pleasure to interview you today. We all know that the 125th anniversary of our university is coming up. Will this year's celebration be different from previous years?"

"Of course."

Hao Jianhua nodded, "The 125th anniversary is a significant milestone. This time, it's not just about holding an evening party. We want the entire faculty and students to participate in and enjoy the celebration. We are also inviting distinguished graduates back to the university..."

As he elaborated on the celebration plans, the real-time viewer count continued to increase, soon surpassing 500.

The comments kept rolling.

"Looks like this year's celebration is going to be big."

"Inviting distinguished graduates back? Why haven't I received any notice?"

"Is there a chance you're not an ICCU graduate, or maybe not distinguished enough?"

"Can non-ICCU people join the celebration?"

"There are so many ICCU alumni like Sabin, Li Sisi, Yu Minhong, wonder who will show up this time."

"..."

Being a live interview, interaction with the audience is essential.

Wu Meng kept an eye on the comments, and once Hao Jianhua finished talking about the plans, she nodded with a smile and said, "Thank you, Principal Hao, for your sharing. Just listening makes it so exciting. I see the viewers are as excited as I am. Let me ask on their behalf: can non-ICCU students also attend the celebration?"

"Of course, they are welcome."

"I see some viewers are also curious if you can reveal which distinguished graduates will be there?"

"They are all mystery guests, I can't give it away just yet."

Hao Jianhua smiled, teasingly, "I promise they will pleasantly surprise everyone."

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"That really makes people look forward to it."

Wu Meng responded briefly, then looked at the livestream's chat section. At that moment, she noticed a comment, "Hey? This question is good."

She immediately asked, "Principal Hao, we all know that this year's college entrance exams had a top student who scored full marks in all subjects, making history. Lin Beichen, he finally chose Imperial Capital University. I'd like to ask, will he have any role in the university celebration?"

Hao Jianhua hadn't considered this point, but he didn't rush to answer. Instead, he asked, "Is there a high demand for Lin Beichen?"

Wu Meng glanced at the chat section.

Right now, the keywords dominating the chat were "Lin Beichen".

So she nodded and said, "Very high."

"Everyone will naturally know during the celebration."

Hao Jianhua laughed, deliberately keeping it a mystery. Thinking to himself, since the demand is so high, it might be necessary to discuss with Lin Beichen to arrange something for him.

He chose an answer with the most comments.

The chat section became even more active.

"Ah! Principal Hao is still the same, likes to keep people in suspense!"

"With the principal saying that... I think there's a high chance Lin Beichen will have a role."

"Speaking of which, since the end of the college entrance exams, there's been no news of Lin Beichen. What's his situation at Imperial Capital University now?"

"Isn't there a segment of random interviews with students about their views on the school and the celebration next? Just randomly interview others, but specifically go and interview Lin Beichen?"

"..."

Wu Meng asked Hao Jianhua a few procedural questions, ended the personal interview with him, and then glanced at the chat section again.

At this time, it was filled with all sorts of comments, but the demand to interview Lin Beichen was very high.

"It seems Lin Beichen's popularity is still high."

"If he appears in this special interview..."

"The viewership would definitely not be low."

She was somewhat tempted, immediately asking, "Principal Hao, the viewers are very concerned about Lin Beichen. Would it be convenient to interview him?"

The livestream screen was displayed on a large monitor.

A rack was set up between Wu Meng and Hao Jianhua.

Both of them could see the livestream situation.

Looking at the screen full of "Lin Beichen".

Hao Jianhua didn't agree immediately, but rationally said, "I don't have any issues. The question is whether Lin Beichen is available. I'll call to confirm."

Saying that, he stepped aside to contact Lin Beichen and explained the situation to him.

Lin Beichen didn't really care about such things.

He didn't have a strong desire to be interviewed, nor did he refuse.

However, since the principal personally called and showed enough respect, he agreed.

After chatting for a few more minutes.

Hao Jianhua hung up the phone, returned to the camera, nodded, and smiled, "Lin Beichen is available for the interview. I'll take you to him now."

"That's great."

Wu Meng happily led her team, following Hao Jianhua to find Lin Beichen.

The necessary steps still needed to be followed.

Along the way, Wu Meng randomly stopped students from Imperial Capital University for interviews.

"Hi, fellow student, may I ask what your first impression of Imperial Capital University is?"

"Excuse me, do you know how many years Imperial Capital University has been established?"

"..."

She just interviewed a few students for formalities, wanting to allocate more time to the much-anticipated interview with Lin Beichen.

However, as they walked further.

She noticed the number of passersby around becoming fewer, and the surroundings looked increasingly desolate.

The livestream.

The chat section became more active.

"Aren't they going to find Lin Beichen? Why is it becoming more desolate?"

"Does Imperial Capital University have such desolate areas?"

"Why are they heading towards the northeast corner of the school? Isn't this area abandoned? Is Lin Beichen here?"

"..."

The audience freely discussed in the livestream.

But Wu Meng and the crew from Pengpai News couldn't say much and could only follow Hao Jianhua with a puzzled look.

Until...

They arrived at the gymnasium.

The gymnasium was just one floor, not very large, about the size of two basketball courts, with yellowing walls showing the traces of time.

The livestream.

After some time, the number of real-time viewers had increased to over a thousand.

The chat section became even more active.

"Huh? What are they doing here? Isn't this the abandoned gymnasium?"

"Is Lin Beichen here?"

"Why is Lin Beichen here?"

"..."

The audience was very confused.

Through the screen, under their watchful eyes.

The group entered the gymnasium.

The gymnasium was empty; the equipment had long been moved out, with only the markings for basketball and volleyball courts remaining on the ground.

Lin Beichen, holding a mop, was mopping the floor in the center.

Lin Beichen, after submitting the approval documents to the school league committee, bought a mop and other items and came here, intending to clean up thoroughly and get ready for formal use.

"???"

Everyone was dumbfounded.

No one expected...

To meet Lin Beichen under such circumstances.

Except...

Hao Jianhua.

Hao Jianhua waved to Lin Beichen and called, "Lin Beichen, take a break. Come and chat with Reporter Wu."

"Coming."

Lin Beichen walked over.

With Hao Jianhua bridging the gap, they quickly got to the front of the camera and started the interview.